claims, or if they include equivalent structural elements with insubstantial differences from the literal languages of the claims.

[0051] It will be understood that the particular embodiments described herein are shown by way of illustration and not as limitations of the invention. The principal features of this invention may be employed in various embodiments without departing from the scope of the invention. Those of ordinary skill in the art will recognize numerous equivalents to the specific procedures described herein. Such equivalents are considered to be within the scope of this invention and are covered by the claims

[0052] All of the compositions and/or methods disclosed and claimed herein may be made and/or executed without undue experimentation in light of the present disclosure. While the compositions and methods of this invention have been described in terms of the embodiments included herein, it will be apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art that variations may be applied to the compositions and/or methods and in the steps or in the sequence of steps of the method described herein without departing from the concept, spirit, and scope of the invention. All such similar substitutes and modifications apparent to those skilled in the art are deemed to be within the spirit, scope, and concept of the invention as defined by the appended claims

[0053] Thus, although there have been described particular embodiments of the present invention, it is not intended that such references be construed as limitations upon the scope of this invention except as set forth in the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A lever assembly for an optical scope defining a mounting surface, a mounting hole, and indicia, the lever assembly comprising:

a lever member comprising:

a base portion adapted to engage the mounting surface, and

an extension portion extending from the base portion; and

a mounting member adapted to secure the base portion to the mounting surface by engaging the mounting hole;

wherein the base portion and the extension portion define a lever sightline along which the indicia can be viewed when the lever member is secured to the mounting surface.

2. The lever assembly of claim **1**, wherein the base portion and the extension portion define a lever opening which at least partially frames the lever sightline.

3. The lever assembly of claim **1**, wherein the base portion and the extension portion define a lever opening through which the lever sightline extends.

4. The lever assembly of claim **3**, wherein the lever opening allows the indicia to be viewed through the lever member.

5. The lever assembly of claim **1**, wherein the base portion comprises a base main wall defining an engaging surface adapted to engage the mounting surface.

6. The lever assembly of claim **5**, wherein:

the base main wall includes a base hole defined therethrough; and

the mounting member is receivable in the mounting hole through the base hole to secure the lever member to the mounting surface.

7. The lever assembly of claim **5**, wherein:

the mounting surface includes a mounting surface main portion and at least one mounting surface side portion;

the engaging surface of the base main wall is adapted to engage the mounting surface main portion;

the base portion further comprises at least one base side wall extending from the base main wall;

the at least one base side wall defines an engaging surface adapted to engage the at least one mounting surface side portion; and

the at least one base side wall inhibits rotation of the lever member about the mounting member when the engaging surface of the at least one base side wall is engaged with the at least one mounting surface side portion.

8. The lever assembly of claim **5**, wherein:

the extension portion comprises at least one extension side wall extending from the base main wall such that the lever sightline is defined by the base main wall and the at least one extension side wall.

9. The lever assembly of claim **8**, wherein:

the at least one extension side wall is two extension side walls;

the two extension side walls are spaced apart such that the lever sightline is defined between the extension side walls.

10. The lever assembly of claim **8**, wherein:

the extension portion comprises an extension distal wall extending from the at least one extension side wall; and

the extension distal wall is spaced from the base main wall by the at least one extension side wall such that the lever sightline is defined by the base main wall, the at least one extension side wall, and the extension distal wall.

11. The lever assembly of claim **9**, wherein:

the extension portion comprises an extension distal wall extending between the two extension side walls such that the lever sightline is defined by the base main wall, the two extension side walls, and the extension distal wall.

12. The lever assembly of claim **10**, wherein the distal extension wall defines an extension wall hole through which a tool is receivable to engage the mounting member.

13. A lever assembly for an optical scope defining a mounting surface, a mounting hole, and indicia, the lever assembly comprising:

a lever member comprising:

a base portion comprising a base main wall defining an engaging surface adapted to engage the mounting surface and a base hole extending through the base main wall, and

an extension portion comprising at least one extension side wall extending from the base main wall; and

a mounting member receivable in the mounting hole through the base hole to secure the lever member to the mounting surface;

wherein the base main wall and the at least one extension side wall define a lever opening through which the indicia can be viewed along a lever sightline when the lever member is secured to the mounting surface.

14. The lever assembly of claim **13**, wherein:

the mounting surface includes a mounting surface main portion and at least one mounting surface side portion;

the engaging surface of the base main wall is adapted to engage the mounting surface main portion;